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IN RE APPLICATION OF

Art Unit: 1615

ROSA MARTANI

Examiner: Tran, Susan

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FOR: RAPIDLY DISSOLVING DOSAGE FORM AND PROCESS FOR

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MS: Amendment Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In the above referenced office action, mailed on January 11, 2006, and having a period of response set to expire on April 11, 2004, the Applicants respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof. Applicants also herein request a three month extension for this response as allowed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a). The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation for the fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a).

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2. Remarks begin on page 4.